



„Boden macht Schule“ - a soil awareness workshop for Austrian pupils

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In order to raise awareness and understanding for the importance of soil, we developed a workshop for schoolchildren between the age of nine and thirteen. The workshop focuses on soil formation, soil functions and soil organisms. Guided by young soil scientist the children can actively explore different soil properties. Key elements are studies and identification of soil animals, small physical experiments and several games followed up with creative tasks.

Our aim is to make the workshop an attractive tool for environmental education in public schools and by this to increase the interest in soil and soil protection.

This poster gives a short overview of the contents of the workshop “Boden macht Schule”